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The below named inventors are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **PROCESS AND SYSTEM FOR DETERMINING CORRELATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MARKETS AND RISK OF PRIVATE MARKETS**, the Specification of which:

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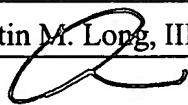
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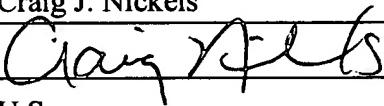
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